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**DAMASCUS (R)** — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat will visit the Soviet Union in mid-January at the invitation of the Soviet leadership. Palestinian sources said here Tuesday. They said Mr. Arafat's talks would focus on developments relating to the Palestine question, the current situation in the Middle East and Soviet-Palestinian relations. The sources noted that two members of the PLO's 15-man executive committee, Yasser Abed-Rabbo and Mahmoud Abbas, are currently in Moscow to represent the PLO at the Soviet Union's 60th anniversary celebrations.

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## HOME NEWS

## Jordanian team visits Iran-Iraq battlefield

BAGHDAD (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation, headed by Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben, visited Tuesday the battlefield of the Gulf war at the Iraqi-Iranian border.

The delegation was briefed by Iraqi military commanders on the military situation on the battlefield. The Iraqi officers affirmed that Iraqi forces are "determined to defend every inch of Arab land and to prevent the Iranian regime from achieving its expansionist goals. They praised 'Jordan's stand under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and its honourable support of Iraq's rights.' They said the 'Iraqi leadership, army and people will not forget this noble pan-Arab stand for Jordan.'

Dr. Zaben explained that Jordan's support of Iraq is a "pan-Arab duty and a debt which Jordan owes to Iraq, because Jordan can never forget Iraq's pan-Arab stands in defending Arab lands." He said the Arabs are "duty-bound to render all support to Iraq in its just war."

Dr. Zaben also met with his Iraqi counterpart Abdul Jabbar Abdul Rahim in Baghdad. They reviewed phases covered by a microwave communications project linking Iraq with Jordan, a plan to increase space telecommunications channels through ground stations in the two countries, and distribution of channels through the present coaxial cable. Mr. Abdul Rahim affirmed during the meeting the significance of consolidating relations between the two countries, particularly in telecommunications for the "benefit of the two fraternal countries and the Arab Nation."

## A nra Hotel inaugurated

AMMAN (Petra) — Tourism and Antiquities Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar opened Tuesday the Amra Hotel.

Mr. Abu Nowar said in his opening speech that the establishment of the hotel is an "excellent Jordanian achievement" because it will play an effective role in contributing to the development of tourism, which is one of the economic and social development sectors in Jordan.

"This achievement is an expression of the government policy in supporting national plans and is a result of cooperation between the public and private sectors," he said.

Mr. Abu Nowar affirmed the need for developing tourist activities in a manner that is compatible with the development Jordan is currently witnessing in various fields.

The 300-room, 11-storey hotel, built at a cost of JD 9 million, contains halls suitable for holding conferences and seminars.

## NCC committees meet

AMMAN (Petra) — The Economic Committee of the National Consultative Council (NCC), which held a meeting Tuesday presided over by its Chairman Anis Al Merasher, discussed a proposal related to the import of foreign cigarettes. Acting Prime Minister and Finance Minister Salem Mas'adeh, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Pudin and Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour attended the meeting.

The NCC's Legal Committee discussed a draft law amending the public security law for 1982 and a proposal related to the draft law of the Jordan Bar Association during a meeting it held, also Tuesday, chaired by its Chairman Kamal Al Dajani.

The National Mobilisation Committee also met under the chairmanship of its Chairman Mamdouh Al Abbadi and decided to organise general symposiums on national self-reliance and its educational, economic and social aspects.

## Contributions continue for Yemeni quake victims

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian public Tuesday continued their contributions to victims of last week's earthquake in North Yemen in the form of clothes and foodstuffs.

Officials at the Jordanian National Red Crescent Society said that the committee is still awaiting the contributions of banks, financial enterprises and insurance companies in order to send them to North Yemen.

President of the Jordanian Red Crescent Society Ahmad Abu Ounrah said that he has telephoned the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva to brief them on the volume of aid, contributions and foodstuffs needed for the earthquake's victims. He said large quantities of medicines, blankets and foodstuffs have been sent to the victims from various Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

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## Documentation Week to begin Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives (DNLDA), in cooperation with the Jordan Amateur Photography Club will celebrate the National Documentation Week which begins Saturday. The ceremony will include a competition of photographs of a cultural, historic and social nature which could be of historic value in the future whether they are coloured or black and white and at various sizes.

The DNLDA has called on the citizens who have such photographs to present them to the department or to the club so that they could be assessed.

Awards will be granted to the winning photographs.

## APU to launch coordinated efforts to better services

AMMAN (Petra) — Transport Ministry Administrative Director Jamil Izmiqna Monday said that the executive council of the Arab Postal Union (APU) discussed during its meetings concluded in Dubai early this week a number of postal questions related to expediting mail delivery among Arab countries.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Mr. Izmiqna said that the council decided to coordinate efforts in an Universal Postal Union conference scheduled to be held in Hamburg in 1984 to expel Israel from the union, similar to a measure taken against South Africa because of its racist policy and defiance of United Nations resolutions.

Mr. Izmiqna also said that the

council decided to give urgent assistance to the Lebanese postal system to restore life to the vital service. The Jordanian government has already rendered urgent aid to the Lebanese postal service, he said.

Mr. Izmiqna said that the council also decided to expand and develop cooperation with African and Asian postal unions and to discuss the question of setting up an Islamic postal union. It also decided to give further aid to the Arab Postal College in Damascus and to set up a modern building of the APU in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where the APU will set up its headquarters.

Mr. Izmiqna headed the Jordanian delegation to the meetings of the APU executive council.

## Flashes of inspiration at university exhibition

By Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Although there is a tremendous diversity in the quality of the art works—which cover the complete spectrum of media from oil paintings to pencil drawings—now on show at University of Jordan Library, it is nevertheless an interesting exhibition. This is mainly because the artists, students whose majors range from business studies to biology, linked by a common desire to paint and draw, are present, eager and anxious, often aware of their shortcomings and keen to progress.

Many of the works are drawn from these young artists' imaginations—etiolated figures populated surreal landscapes, rows of precarious Islamic arches sit upon another row of the same, while a prisoner slumps in a cell bound by medieval chains—for they believe that this is the only true way of expressing themselves. Yet in the same exhibition there are a series of oil paintings of the Jordanian countryside by Dr. Omar Jibreen that prove this is not necessarily the case. With these landscapes, Dr. Jibreen expresses the quiet affection he has for the little used rutted paths that trace the northern hills lined by gnarled green olives and edged with tufts of wiry grass and weeds. Through

them he wants to share the beauty he has found in the steeply climbing road as it rises through the rich luxury of spring from below the level of the sea to the clear air of the mountains.

Some of the most successful pieces of student work also happen to be drawn from life like Lena Lemma's very attractive

It is the dark charcoal grey background of Amer Kahallah's meticulously drawn still life that makes his piece so notable, for it focuses one's attention on the transparency of the glass and on the oranges in their russet coloured bowl.

Finally, one other piece worth mentioning is Mahmood Dajani's sketch for a relief. The angled profiles of his figures and the soft colours give rise to a muted ancient Egyptian feel.

The exhibition, which runs until Dec. 23, also includes photographs of the work of Ibrahim Al Najar, the students' teacher, some calligraphy and reliefs using lengths of metal in geometrical designs.

## ART REVIEW

pen-and-ink figure drawings. Although simple, the relaxed poses of her figures, their absorption in their accounting and reading and the hints of domesticity tell one at once that they are the artist's family at home and thus her work achieves a potent reality.

## Salt Development Corporation elects directors

SALT (J.T.) — Salt Development Corporation elected its board of directors Sunday and Mr. Ja'ar Al Shami was elected board chairman unopposed.

The following were also elected as members unopposed: Dr. Kamal Al Sha'er, Anis Al Mu'ash-shir, Mohammad Abdul Razziq Al Daoud, Mamdouh Abu Hassan, Abdullah Al Nsour, Mohammad Al Abdul Hussein Al Awamleh, and Bakr Al Hiyari.

The board also includes as members Salt Mayor Abdul Razziq Al Nsour and Municipal Council member Hamdi Abu Al Summ.

Speaking about the goals of the board, Dr. Nsour said the board will seek to improve and develop the city of Salt by contributing to its general basic services and rendering material, technical and administrative assistance through the needed cadres and equipment.

Dr. Nsour said the board is "not an alternative to the municipality or to any state establishment, because the board's goal is to help the municipality achieve its goals in cooperation with official and popular bodies in the governorate, with the aim of giving prominence to the tourist and historic nature of the city and preserving its cultural heritage as well as maintaining the city's cleanliness and protecting its environment."

Dr. Nsour said the board has made a contract with consultancy firms to define the needed cadres for the municipality and to train them to perform their duty in the best possible manner. He said the engineering firm, Dar Al Handasch has volunteered to prepare an organisational chart for the city.

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## FEATURES

By Peter Millar  
Reuter

## Trans-kombi: Purely East German game to match Monopoly

EAST BERLIN — A Communist answer to the West's capitalistic board game of Monopoly sounds a contradiction in terms, but it is likely to fill the Christmas stockings of many East German children this year.

Trans-kombi, a board game for young and old, has the ambitious goals of simultaneously entertaining and instructing the players in geography and the mechanics of a planned socialist economy.

"They have games such as Monopoly in the West. We wanted to find something just as much fun

that related to our political system," said the game's inventor, Heinz Behnert, by profession a show producer at East Berlin's Palace of the Republic Entertainment Complex.

Trans-kombi is played by two teams, consisting of any number of players whose task is to build goods transport systems between specific towns on their separate maps of East Germany. The goal is efficiency, with rewards given for speed and economy.

Each team, representing a transport collective (in German "kombinat" from which the game

gets its name) gets a credit from the state, and the winner is the team which uses up the least of the credit.

The players may use road, inland waterways or even airift goods, but soon learn that air transport is expensive, rail cheaper than road, and for heavy loads, canal barges are cost-effective but slow.

The lesson is highly relevant. With a cut in oil supplies from the Soviet Union, the papers are continually full of new initiatives to cut transport costs. City trams are being used to carry heavy goods at

night and next year's economic plan calls for an extra six million tonnes to be carried by rail and river.

"The idea was to keep the luck element to a minimum, with each team working together to surpass the achievements of the other," said Mr. Behnert, sounding like the official definition of socialist competition.

He is an energetic man in his mid-30s, who says his mind is continually bubbling over with new ideas: "Ever since I was a child I've been fascinated with transport and thinking up new games

has become a hobby."

Trans-kombi began as an entry in a 1972 competition by good advice, a magazine for hobbies and household tips aimed primarily at women, to find a new family game. Mr. Behnert won and picked up a 2,000 mark (\$800) prize.

The game started as "Comecon-transport", named after the Soviet bloc's economic organisation. As Mr. Behnert explains: "You can play it with a map of several countries. My original idea was to include all the socialist states, but we later decided

to make it just our own country."

It was in 1977 that Trans-kombi took its first step towards the toy shop shelves, when a small East Berlin company that for years had specialised in model cars, trains and trams, took up the game as an extension of its business.

Guenter Hoppenheidt, director of People's Own Enterprise Plastic Toys Berlin, explained: "People have more free time now and we wanted to find a game to help fill it, ideally something that parents and children could play together, and was educational."

"We liked Mr. Behnert's idea and got in touch. For the next two years we worked closely together to produce a set of rules and the maps and counters, and Trans-kombi first appeared in 1979."

Selling at 23 marks (\$10), Trans-kombi is expensive by East German standards, but Mr. Hoppenheidt comments that its contents of maps, counters, cards and paper money are more extensive than those supplied in many games here.

In fact, the concession to capitalism of actually including


money at all was a subject of deliberation for some time in the game's gestation, with just a value points system considered at one stage.

"But proof of the game's popularity is that we're bringing out a new edition in the new year," he said. "Of course we'd be only too happy if it found an export market also."

Meanwhile, Mr. Behnert is keeping his mind ticking over. He's been toying with an idea for a new dice game, but still interested in keeping down the luck element, he is also thinking inspired by the latest Soviet cosmonaut endurance record — a space-flight game.

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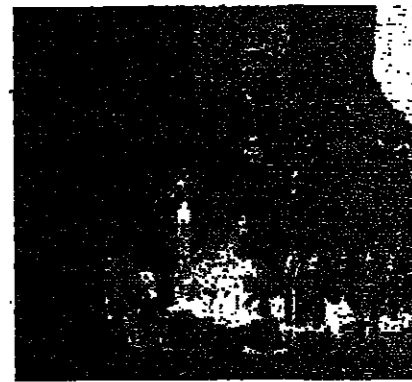
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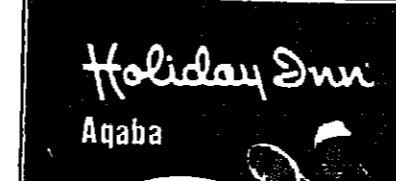
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# Mt. Nebo combines church and museum

By Rami G. Khouri  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Some twenty years after restoration work began at the church on Mount Nebo, the team of Franciscan fathers working at the site has completed its initial restoration of the ancient basilica and its rich, multi-layered mosaics. The Franciscans, under the direction of Father Michele Piccirillo, have also pieced to-

gether the long history of the basilica and its use as a religious site since at least the 4th century A.D. Visitors to the Mt. Nebo basilica today enter the restored late 6th century church, with its typical three-apsed layout and altar area. But remains of the earlier church can also be appreciated, as can a series of floor and wall mosaics dating from the 4th through the 7th centuries.

In restoring the basilica, Fr. Pic-

cirillo says his team has worked on the basis that the building would be "half church and half museum", accessible to the visiting public but also maintained as a regularly used church.

The Franciscans first became involved with Mt. Nebo in 1932, when Father Hieronymus Mihalic, who was in charge of the Jericho monastery, recognised the heap of stones atop Mount Nebo as an ancient religious site and acquired the land there from the local bedouins. The Franciscans had been associated with the Holy Land since 1220 A.D., and since 1342, upon the designation of the Pope, they have been official guardians of the Catholic holy places in Palestine.

Father Sylvester Saller, an American, directed the first dig at Mt. Nebo in 1933-37; but the advent of World War II brought work to a halt as the area became a military zone. The results of the first three seasons were published in 1941 by the Franciscan Biblical Institute in Jerusalem, which had been established in Jerusalem since 1923.

Work resumed on the site in 1963, concentrating on restoring and roofing the 6th century basilica that had been identified 30 years earlier by Fr. Saller. In 1967, another team of Franciscans began restoring the mosaics, under the direction of Father Virgilio Corbo, while also conducting further excavations to trace the full history of the site. Work stopped once again in 1970, because of the hazards of war, and was resumed in 1976, under the supervision of Fr. Piccirillo.

The intermittent excavations by the Franciscans during the past 50 years have now established firmly that the first major construction on the site was a 4th century *cella trichora*, probably a funeral building in earlier times that was converted into a small, three-apsed church in the 4th century. It covered the area of the present altar, and the facade of that first church was at the level of the second row of pillars from the altar in the existing church. To the south of the 4th century church was a room with a mosaic cross in the floor --

the cross that is mounted today on the wall to the right of the altar. This would have been a small funeral chapel, matched by another one to the north of the altar. Both rooms were one metre below the level of the main church, because of the construction of the church complex along the slope of the mountain. An open courtyard existed in what is now the interior of the roofed 6th century church. Pilgrims' accounts and literary sources confirm the existence of the 4th century basilica, and there is sound speculation that it was built by Egyptian monks.

It is also clear that the site was used even earlier than the 4th century church, based on a find of six tombs below the level of the 4th century mosaic floors.

In 531 A.D., the complex was restored and expanded into a three-apsed church with a baptistry to the north that was entered via a courtyard.

In the late 6th century, after destruction by earthquake, the church complex was totally rebuilt and expanded. The sloping hill had been levelled by this time to allow a bigger church to be built all on the same level. A new baptistry and a chapel to the Virgin Mary were added -- the two rooms to the right as one enters the church today. This rebuilt late 6th century church, completed in 598 A.D., is essentially the building that one visits on Mt. Nebo today. The ancient 4th century church became the altar area of the 6th century church, with steps leading down into the main body of the church.

The small room to the east of the altar which had contained the 4th century mosaic cross became a memorial to Moses in the 6th century. The long northern hall, which is to the left as you enter, was divided into two rooms. In the first room, nearer the door, was discovered the marvellously preserved, 5 x 5.5-metre mosaic floor panel full of 6th century Jordanian animals, hunters trees and men on horseback. To the north of the mosaic is the ancient baptismal basin, a cross-shaped stone structure with a channel to carry hot or cold water for the baptismal

rites. The Greek inscription at the bottom of the mosaic gives its date as 531 A.D., and another inscription in a separate panel names the mosaicists as Soelos, Kaiomos and Elias.

The south hall, to the right as you enter the church, is also divided into two rooms. The one near the altar is the baptistry, which was rebuilt at the end of the 6th century. The room closer to the door is the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, the last major addition to the church complex which was built in the early days of the 7th century.

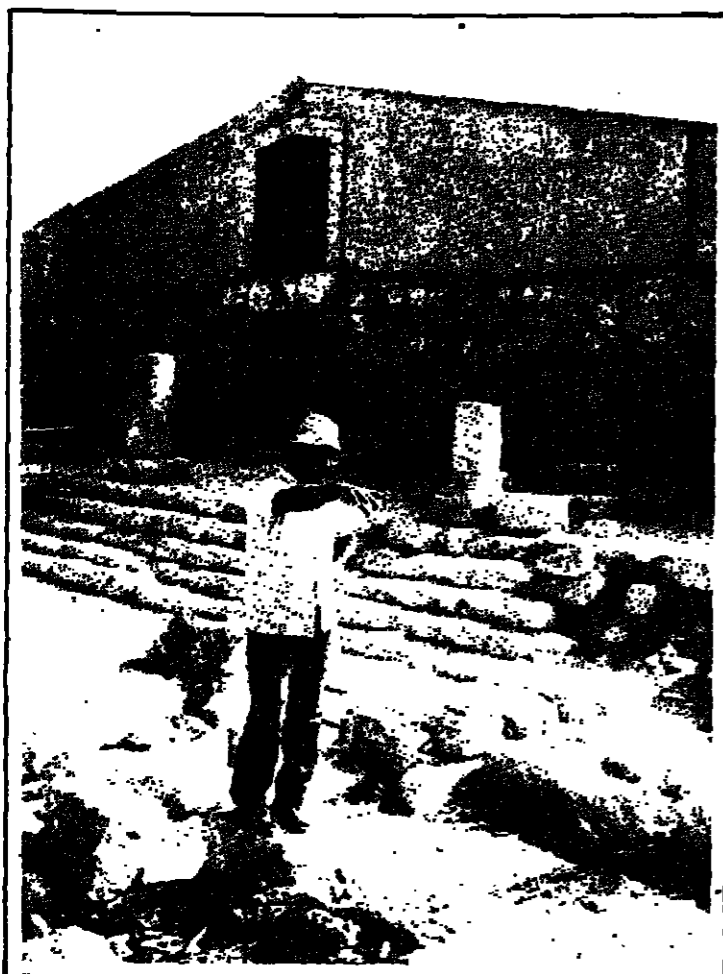
Fr. Piccirillo has kept the earliest, unrestored mosaics in place in the floor of the northern hall, and has hung later mosaics on the walls there. In the southern hall, he did the opposite -- keeping the latest mosaics in place in the floor of the baptistry and the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, and hanging the two earlier mosaic floors on the walls.

The earliest mosaics in Jordan date from the 1st century A.D., and are found at Herod's Castle at Masfaka-Mukawar. The castle was built in 90-100 B.C., but was redone by Herod the Great in 30 B.C., with some 1st century mosaics having survived to this day. Thus the Mt. Nebo and Madaba mosaics represent a later period of work. Mosaics were built throughout the Madaba region in the 3rd, 4th and 5th centuries, but reached their peak of artistry in the 6th and 7th centuries A.D. All mosaics that have survived to this day in Jordan are floor mosaics. Fr. Piccirillo said in a recent interview here. No wall mosaics have been found here, and the closest wall mosaics are to be seen at the St. Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai.

The Mt. Nebo church ("Siyagha" in Arabic) was called by different names in the Byzantine era, including Naba or Nebo, Abarim, Phasga or Pisgah. It derives its holy aura from its reputation as the spot where Moses was buried, a claim that has yet to be proven. The spot was revered by Christians as early as the 4th century,



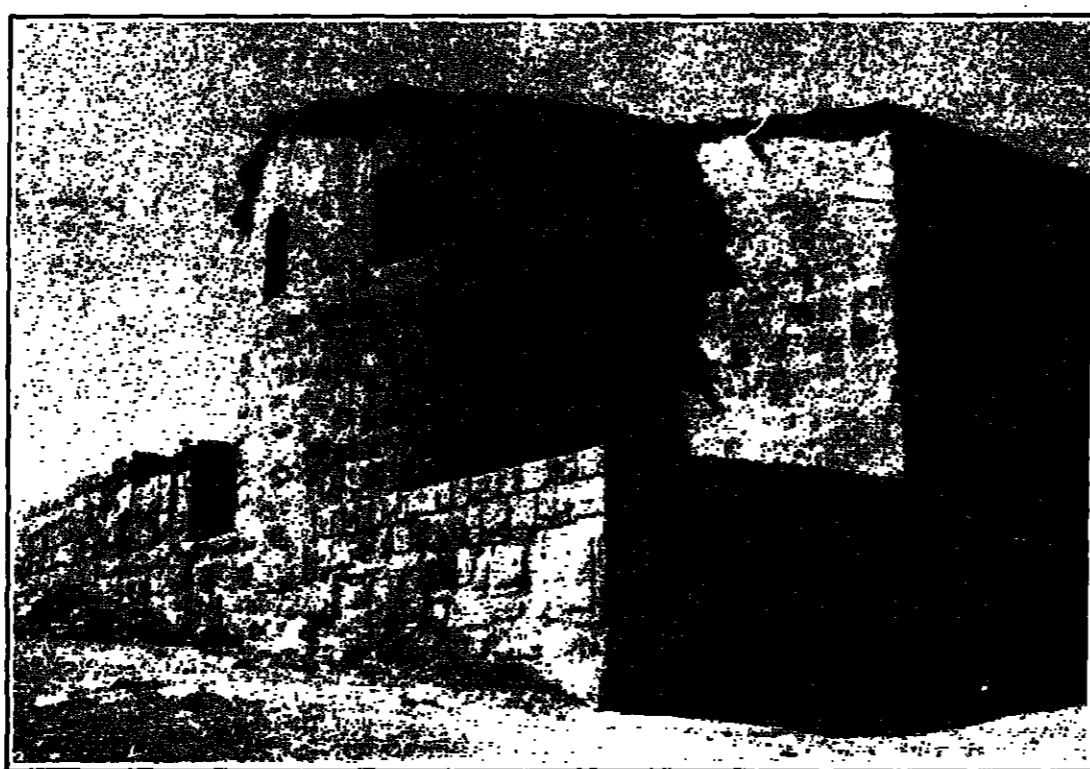
The north hall of Mt. Nebo church as it was when excavations began in 1933



Fr. Piccirillo standing inside remains of a monk's cell



The church's north hall with beautiful 531 AD mosaic floor



Exterior view of the church's altar area shows three stages of construction



The altar area today; foreground is where facade of oldest church would have been

however, as evidenced by the accounts of a pious and hardy Roman nun, Etheria, who made a pilgrimage to Mt. Nebo in 390 A.D. and wrote about her trip in her memoirs. It was she who recorded the fact that the 4th century church was inhabited by Egyptian monks, probably Copts.

The open courtyard and the

steps west of the church are the next target of Fr. Piccirillo's endeavours to fully restore the Mt. Nebo complex. The jumble of stones in the courtyard would have been the rooms of the ancient monasteries, where the monks lived, studied, ate and performed their daily chores. In the corners of some of the outdoor rooms, visitors can see remains of the monks' room-floors, done in a rougher, bigger, simpler style of mosaic than that used inside the basilica. New excavations are also underway outside the church, to the south and east, to identify the entire area of the former monasteries that would have existed as part of the church complex.

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## TV & RADIO

### JORDAN TELEVISION

#### MAIN CHANNEL

17:30 Koran  
17:50 Cartoons  
18:10 Treasure Island  
18:30 Muppet Show  
19:00 Local Programme  
19:30 News in Arabic  
20:00 News in Arabic  
20:30 Arabic Series  
21:00 Arabic Series  
22:30 Muslim Philosophers  
23:10 News in Arabic

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18:00 French Programme  
19:00 News in French  
19:30 News in Hebrew  
20:30 Comedy  
21:00 100 Famous Paintings  
21:10 Three Sisters  
22:00 News in English  
22:15 S.W.A.T.

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07:00 Morning Show  
10:00 News Summary  
10:05 Morning Show  
12:00 News Summary  
12:05 Pop Session  
13:00 News Summary  
13:05 Pop Session  
14:00 News Bulletin  
14:10 Instrumentals  
14:30 Now Music  
15:00 Concert Hour  
16:00 News Summary  
16:05 Instrumentals, Old Favourites  
17:00 Talking Points, Pop Session  
18:00 News Summary  
18:05 Over a Cup of Tea, Arabism  
19:00 Newsdesk  
19:30 Date with a Star  
20:00 Evening Show  
21:00 News Summary  
21:05 Evening Show  
22:00 News Summary  
23:00 News Summary  
24:00 News Headlines

### BBC WORLD SERVICE

639, 720, 1413 KHz  
06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Waveguide 06:40

### BOOK CHOICE

06:45 Financial News  
06:55 Reflections 07:00 World News  
07:09 24 Hours News Summary 07:30  
The King of Instruments 07:45 The  
World Today 08:00 Newsdesk 08:30  
What It Takes to Be A Musician Pro-  
fessional Concerts 09:00 World News  
09:09 24 Hours News Summary 09:30  
Letter from London 09:40 Paperback  
Choice 09:45 Report on Religion 10:00  
World News 10:09 Reflections 10:15  
Jazz Workshop 10:30 Quote, Unquote  
11:00 World News 11:09 News about  
Britain 11:15 The World Today 11:30  
Financial News 11:40 Look Ahead  
11:45 Music from Wales 12:00 A Pair of  
Blue Eyes 12:30 Tom Jones 13:00 World  
News 13:09 News about Britain 13:15  
Listening Post 13:30 Meridian 14:00  
Radio Newsweek 14:15 Nature Not-  
ebook 14:25 The Farming World 14:45  
Sports Round-up 15:00 World News  
15:09 24 Hours News Summary 15:30 A  
Photograph of Lindsay Mowat 16:15  
Report on Religion 16:30 Man, Myth  
and Music 17:00 Radio Newsweek 17:15  
Outlook 18:00 World News 18:09  
Commentary 18:15 Rock Salad 18:45  
The World Today 19:00 World News  
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21:30 Outlook 21:45 Music for the  
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23:15 What's New 23:30 Jazz Score  
24:00 World News 24:09 The World  
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News 00:40 Reflections 00:45 Sports  
Round-up 01:00 World News; Com-  
mentary 01:15 The Belton Estate 01:30  
Top Twenty

### VOICE OF AMERICA

05:00 Daybreak 06:00 The Breakfast  
Show: 17:00 News roundup; reports,  
opinion, analyses 17:30 VOA Maga-  
zine: Americana, science, culture, let-  
ters 18:00 Special English News 18:15  
Feature: Space and Man 18:30 Now  
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ricana, science, culture, letters, 22:00  
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(Jazz) 23:00 VOA World Report

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### FILM

\* The Turning Point, at the American  
Centre at 8:00 p.m.

#### VIDEO

\* Le Malade Imaginaire (3rd part) at  
4:00 p.m.; Sciences: De La Plume A  
L'Ordre (at 5:00 p.m.) and Tar-  
tuffe (at 6:00 p.m.).  
\* Dance in America. Merce Cun-  
ningham And Dance Company (1 hour)  
at the American Centre at 3:30 p.m.

### CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic)  
Jabal Amman, Tel. 24590.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman  
Catholic) Jabal Luveldah, 37440.  
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)  
Jabal Hussein, 661757.  
Church of the Annunciation (Greek  
Orthodox) Abdali, 23541.  
Anglican Church (Church of the Res-  
urrection) Jabal Amman, 43453.  
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh,  
71331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh,  
75261.  
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox)  
Ashrafieh, 71751.  
Armenian International Church (Inter-  
denominational): meets at Southern  
Baptist School in Shmeisani, 663249.

### CULTURAL CENTRES

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British Council 36147-8  
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### MUSEUMS

#### Folklore Museum

Jewelry and cos-  
tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics  
from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 15th  
centuries). The Roman Theatre,  
Amman. Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 5  
p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an  
excellent collection of the antiquities of  
Jordan. Jabal Al Quf'a (Citadel Hill).  
Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Fridays and official holidays 10 a.m. -  
4 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a col-  
lection of paintings, ceramics, and scul-  
pture by contemporary Islamic artists  
from most of the Muslim countries; a  
collection of paintings by 19th Century  
orientalist artists. Mutarrich, Jabal  
Luveldah. Opening hours: 10 a.m. -  
1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.  
Military Museum: Collection of military  
memorabilia dating from the Arab  
Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman.  
Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed  
Saturdays. Tel. 664240.  
Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to  
150 year old items such as costumes,  
weapons, musical instruments, etc.  
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Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

### SERVICE CLUBS

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first and third Wednesday at the Tyche  
Hotel, 1:30 p.m.  
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings  
every second and fourth Wednesday at  
the Amman Marriott Hotel, 1:30 p.m.  
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday  
at the International Hotel, 2:00 p.m.  
Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman,  
Elghub Circle. Tel. 815261.

### PRAYER TIMES

05:05 Fajr  
06:34 Sunrise  
11:54 Dhuhr  
14:18 Asr  
16:35 Maghreb  
18:03 Isha

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06:45 Cairo (EA)  
07:45 Karachi (PA)  
08:45 Cairo (RJ)  
08:55 Aqaba (RJ)  
09:15 Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
09:20 Dubai (RJ)  
09:40 Kuwait (RJ)  
09:45 Doha, Bahrain (RJ)  
10:00 Beirut (RJ)  
10:15 Larnaca (CY)  
11:00 Istanbul, Ankara (TA)  
11:25 Beirut (MEA)  
14:59 Jeddah (Saudi)  
15:20 Bangkok (RJ)  
16:30 Cairo (RJ)  
17:15 New York, Vienna (RJ)  
17:30 Copenhagen, Athens (RJ)  
18:15 Zurich (SR)  
18:35 Cairo (RJ)  
18:40 Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)  
20:30 Frankfurt, Larnaca (LH)  
20:45 Beirut (MEA)  
22:30 Baghdad (RJ)  
01:45 Cairo (RJ)  
01:45 Baghdad (RJ)  
02:30 Belgrade, Istanbul (YA)

### DEPARTURES

04:45 Larnaca, Frankfurt (LH)  
05:50 Aqaba (RJ)  
07:50 Cairo (EA)  
08:45 Beirut (MEA)  
09:00 Rome (Alitalia)  
09:15 Karachi (PA)  
09:35 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)  
11:00 Vienna, New York (RJ)  
12:45 Larnaca (RJ)  
12:50 Cairo (RJ)  
13:30 Doha, Bahrain (RJ)  
14:30 Doha, Bahrain (RJ)  
14:30 Kuwait (KAC)  
16:05 Larnaca, Bucharest (Tarom)  
16:30 Jeddah (Saudi)

### MONEY EXCHANGE

Local currency rates in Jds  
Belgian franc 74.9 75.3  
Dutch guilder 132.6 133.4  
Egyptian guinea 124.1 124.2  
French franc 51.8 52.1  
Iraqi dinar 591.2 603.7  
Italian lire (for 100) 25.3 25.5  
Japanese yen (for 100) 144.7 145.6  
Kuwaiti dinar 1217.7 1230.5  
Lebanese lira 90.4 91.3  
Omani rial 1019.5 1027  
Qatari riyal 97 97.7  
Saudi riyal 103 103.5  
Swedish crown 48 48.3  
Swiss franc 173.7 174.7  
Syrian lira 62 62.7  
UAE dirham 96.3 96.9  
U.K. sterling pound 569.6 573  
U.S. dollar 354 356  
W. German mark 146.5 147.4

### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of  
Meteorology.  
There will be a large formation of clouds  
with chances of scattered showers in the  
afternoon. Winds will be southeasterly,  
changing to southwesterly moderate in  
fresh. In Aqaba, winds will be southerly  
moderate to fresh and seas rough.

### Low/high temperature in deg.C

Amman 4:15 4:15  
Aqaba 9:23 9:23  
Dorset 21.6 21.6  
Jordan Valley 11:21 11:21

Yesterday's high temperatures:  
Amman 18, Aqaba 24. Humidity re-  
ading: Amman 46 per cent, Aqaba 25  
per cent.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

### EMERGENCIES

Ambulance 193, 75111  
Firstaid, fire, police 199  
Blood bank 75121  
Civil Defence rescue 66111  
Fire headquarters 22004-3  
Police rescue 192, 21111, 37777  
Police headquarters 30141  
Traffic police 56390-1  
Electric Power Co 36381-2  
Municipal water service 71123-8

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Khalid Maternity, J. Amman 44211-4  
Abdel Maternity, J. Amman 42441  
Jabal Amman Maternity 42362  
Malhas, J. Amman 36140  
Palestine, Shmeisani 664171-4  
Shmeisani Hospital 664131-5  
University Hospital 665045  
Dar Al-Shifa, J. Husein 667158  
Al-Masheer Hospital 665292  
The Islamic, Abdali 664164  
Al-Ahli, Abdali 664164  
Italian, Al-Muhajreen 77101-3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 75111  
Army, Marka 91611

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Jordan Television 73111  
Radio Jordan 74111  
Ministry of Tourism 43111  
Hotel complaints 664112  
Phone complaints 664113  
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## SPORTS

## Errol Christie — a combination of Muhammad Ali, Fred Astaire

LONDON (R) — "Marvellous" Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight boxing champion, has probably never heard of Errol Christie... but he would be well advised to note the name.

Christie, 19, is Britain's latest ring sensation and has already been hailed as the "New Randolph Turpin"—after two professional bouts totalling less than six rounds.

Physically, Christie looks more like Sugar Ray Robinson, the man from whom Turpin took the middleweight title in July 1951 only to lose it in the return bout 64 days later.

In style, Christie resembles a miniature Muhammad Ali, with arms held arrogantly low, a deceptively lazy left lead and the dancing feet of Fred Astaire.

Christie, the son of a West Indian Luy Preacher, has not been beaten since he was 14—60 fights ago—and although the road to the top is precarious there is no doubting his exciting potential.

Like Ali, there is more than a

hint of the showman about Christie. He enters the ring to the theme music from Rocky III, "the eye of the tiger", elegantly attired in blue velvet dressing gown and shorts and matching suede boots with tassels.

Few opponents survive long enough to step on his "blue suede shoes".

He won nine amateur titles in Britain before his 18th birthday and completed his apprenticeship by winning the gold medal at the European Junior Championship in East Germany last May when he was named Bover of the Tournament.

Although the Miss World contest was screened live on British television the night Christie made his professional debut against Welshman Terry Matthews, over 1,000 Coventry fight fans preferred the salty taste of ringside to the tinsel charms of the beauty pageant.

Perhaps the vastly experienced Matthews was in a rush to get back to his TV screen, but he failed to

last three rounds under Christie's fierce barrage of hooks, uppercuts, jabs and body blows.

Jimmy Ellis, Christie's second opponent did marginally better, outlasting Matthews by a few seconds before being stopped before the end of the third round in London last week.

Christie, who sports a diamond instead of a cauliflower in his left ear, has the confidence of youth inside and outside the ring.

He should be an easy target with his languid style but he slips punches with nonchalance and both Ellis and Matthews were left pawing at thin air.

Christie shares the general view that he is destined for great things. "I think the professional game will suit me," he said. "You can pace yourself differently from three-round amateur fights."

"It's actually slower in the pro ranks and there is more time to think and plan your strategy. I like to mess people about, frustrate them and then move in for the kill."

## English F. A. calls off South American tour

LONDON (R) — The English Football Association (F.A.) announced Tuesday England's 1983 tour to Brazil and Argentina had been called off.

"We have been forced to cancel the proposed summer tour to South America as Brazil have withdrawn from their fixture against us on June 8," an F.A. statement said.

"We are informed by Brazil that this is because they are committed to a summer tour in Europe."

The Argentina match on June 14 had always been in doubt since the Falklands crisis earlier this year.

A report in an English newspaper Tuesday said England were pulling out of the Buenos Aires fixture on British government advice amid fears for the team's safety.

The newspaper quoted Argentine F.A. President Julio Grondona saying his government could not guarantee the England team's safety either in the stadium or in a hotel.

## Alexander bundled out of South Australian Open

ADELAIDE (R) — Australian Davis Cup player John Alexander, winner of the New South Wales Open title on Sunday, was bundled out of the South Australian Open Tennis Championship by 18-year-old compatriot Peter Carter Tuesday.

Carter overcame a nervous start to beat the tournament's second seed 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 in a first round match.

Afterwards he said: "I was very nervous but got stuck in when I realised I had nothing to lose."

Alexander's shock defeat left the tournament without its top three seeds. Americans Hank Pfister, the top seed, and Tim Wilkison, seeded three, were beaten in first round ties Monday.

## Salazar, de Castella to meet in Queensland

SYDNEY (R) — Alberto Salazar, the Cuban-born American, and Australia's Roh de Castella, the world's two fastest marathon runners, may meet in a \$100,000 showdown in Queensland next year.

De Castella, the Commonwealth Champion, said Tuesday a group of four Queensland businessmen was organising the marathon. Prizes of \$30,000, \$15,000 and \$3,000 for the first three finishers would be on offer, his trainer Graeme Hannan said.

In addition there would be a

\$50,000 bonus if Salazar's marathon record of two hours eight minutes 13 seconds for the 26 miles 385 yards (42.195 kilometres) distance was broken. De Castella has run to within five seconds of Salazar's time.

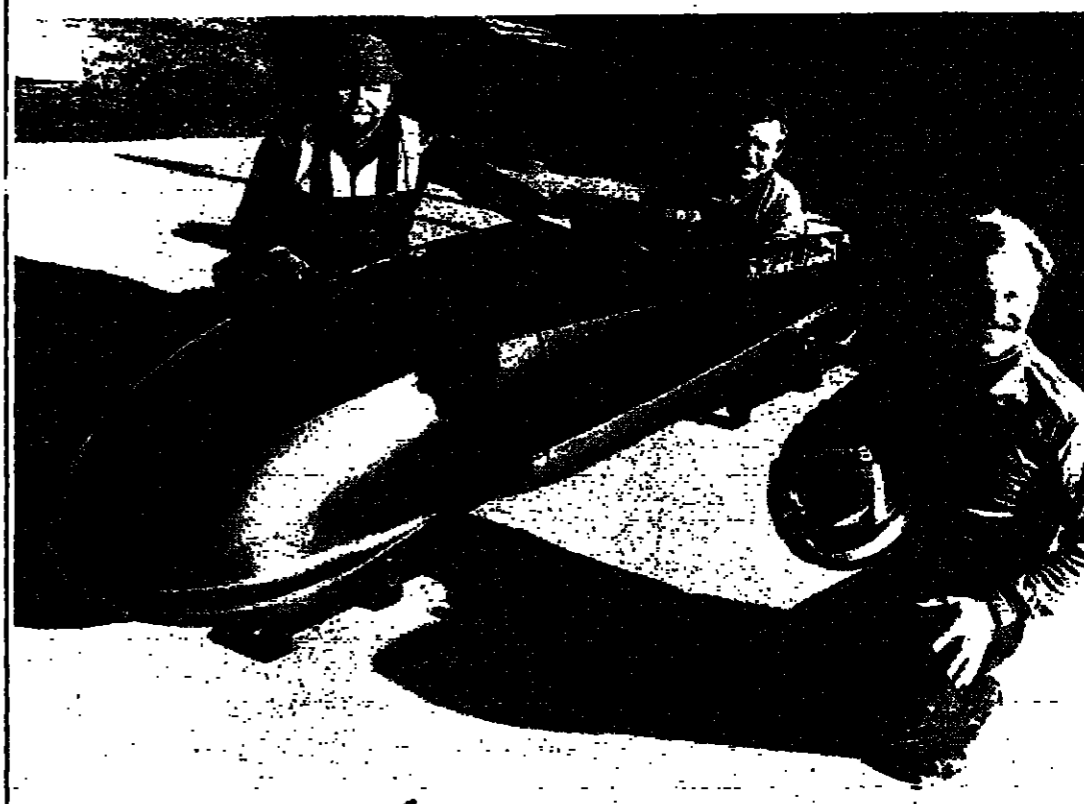
The International Management Group which handles the affairs of de Castella and Salazar said Tuesday it had finalised negotiations with the American network CBS for the race in April or May to be televised live to the United States.

The race must be given the approval of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), through the Australian Amateur Athletic Union (AAAAU), if the runners are not to jeopardise their amateur status.

So far neither body has been approached but AAAU official Rick Pannell said: "As long as it abides by international rules there is no reason it won't go ahead."

Although prize money cannot be paid directly to athletes under IAAF rules, the new system of trust funds allows them to receive financial benefits which are kept until they leave the sport.

## New aerodynamic bob sled passes wind tunnel trials



WINTERBERG (DaD) — Siegfried Rothe, 42, a former 400-metre runner from Dortmund, West Germany, has spent a year working with Vax Planck research scientists Friedhelm Heicke and Dieter von Wulfen on a new aerodynamic bobsled. It is shaped like an aircraft cockpit and has

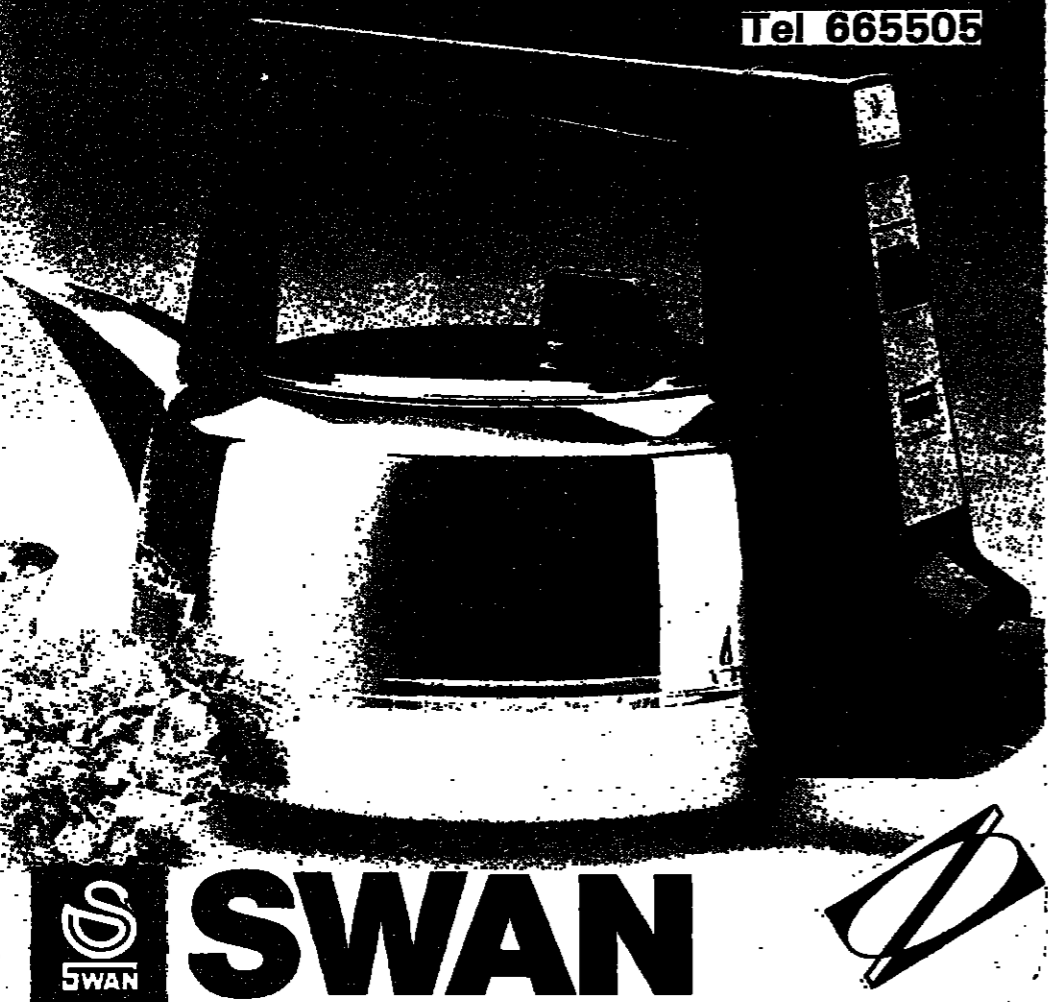
passed scale model wind tunnel trials with flying colours. On the 1,500-metre Winterberg run Rothe and brakeman Hansi Müller are a full second faster than the field. They are competing internationally this season.

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## ECONOMY

### Taiwan to relax banking regulations

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan said Tuesday it plans to relax banking regulations which prohibit Hong Kong residents from opening foreign currency accounts in Taiwan banks.

Banking analysts said the nationalist Chinese authorities have been reviewing foreign exchange regulations following an increasing influx of Hong Kong capital in recent months due to fears about the British colony's future.

Britain and China have opened talks on the future status of Hong Kong, most of whose territory is due to revert to China in 1997 under a 19th century lease.

A Taiwan cabinet statement, in reply to questions in parliament, said financial authorities were drawing up measures to relax foreign exchange controls on potential customers from Hong Kong.

These include allowing designated banks to accept foreign currency deposits from both foreign nationals and Chinese in Hong Kong.

Restrictions on transfers to and from these accounts would be lifted and no income tax charged on interest, the statement said.

At present only residents and businessmen in Taiwan are allowed foreign currency accounts at designated foreign currency banks, and these are strictly regulated.

Remittances abroad have to be approved by banking authorities

and foreign depositors are not allowed to repatriate their money at any time.

There has been much discussion recently by officials and in the press about establishing Taiwan as an Asian finance centre by setting up a free trade zone and off-shore banking, and promoting its ports as transshipment centres in the Far East.

The cabinet said a revised banking policy would help Taiwan attract foreign exchange from Hong Kong, but did not say when this might start or whether it would be designed to attract capital investment from Hong Kong residents.

But efforts have been stepped up to this end, with private missions visiting the colony to promote Hong Kong investment in Taiwan's property market and construction industry.

The government has also reported moderate success in a campaign to encourage shipping companies operating in Hong Kong to register with the nationalist government and fly its flag.

The cabinet statement, in reply to parliamentary questions, also mentioned plans to open the Taipei stock market to indirect foreign and overseas Chinese investments by setting up a stock investment trust company authorised to issue certificates to foreign beneficiaries through overseas brokers.

## Australia to start diamond production

PERTH, Australia (R) — Commercial diamond production from what may be the world's biggest gem deposit in a remote part of northwest Australia is set to start next month, a spokesman for the mining company said Tuesday.

The go-ahead follows approval from the West Australian state government for an export sales agreement between the company, Argyle-Diamond Mines, and the South African De Beers Company, which allows De Beers to handle almost all of the mine's output.

De Beers, which already controls 80 per cent of the world diamond trade through its Central Selling Organisation (CSO), had argued that it was the only company with sufficient expertise to market the mine's output.

In return for gaining control of marketing and pricing, De Beers guarantees to buy a minimum

amount from mines with which it has agreements.

At the insistence of state and federal governments, Argyle will retain a small number of gems to be used to provide West Australia with a diamond cutting and polish industry.

Nevertheless analysts said that the agreement would help the South African company consolidate its hold on the world diamond trade at a time of depressed demand.

The Argyle mine in the Kimberley region is about 640 kilometres southwest of the tropical city of Darwin and production is estimated at about five million carats a year in its first few years of operation, rising to more than 20 million within five years.

By comparison, all of De Beers' South African mines produced a total 15 million carats in 1981.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Japan complains to EEC

GENEVA (R) — Japan formally complained to the European Community Tuesday about French measures restricting imports of video tape recorders and asked for trade consultations. The complaint, lodged with the Community office in Geneva, said the French decision to route all video imports through the small customs post at Poitiers violated free trade rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Japanese mission said.

### S. Arabia, France to develop ties

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Mohammad Abul Khail said after talks with French Finance Minister Jacques Delors Tuesday that the two countries' ties would develop in many fields but he made no reference to a possible loan agreement to defend the franc. In his statement to the Saudi Press Agency Tuesday Sheikh Mohammad said the two sides had agreed to encourage the establishment of more joint companies in the private sector. More than 170 French firms now work in Saudi Arabia.

### Senate approves tax on petrol

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate Tuesday approved a request by President Reagan to impose a five-cents-a-gallon (0.75 cents a litre) tax on petrol to finance highway, bridge and mass-transit repair projects. A similar measure had previously been approved by the House of Representatives and a committee of the House and Senate is now expected to reconcile differences in the two bills and prepare a compromise for final passage later Tuesday. The bill is designed to create 320,000 jobs and bring in about \$5.5 billion in its first year due to start on April 1.

### Report unveils olive oil fraud

BRUSSELS (R) — Italian olive growers are receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies from the European Community for olive oil which does not exist, a report drawn up for the European Commission says. The report shows that the olive growers are claiming subsidies for almost twice as much oil as they actually produce. This is made possible because of the large number of olive growers — estimated at one million — and the impossibility of gaining an accurate assessment of output from more than 10,000 olive pressing mills.

### EEC to lure Denmark into accord

BRUSSELS (R) — European Community fisheries ministers this afternoon were preparing a Christmas present of North Sea mackerel which they hope will induce Denmark to approve an elusive common fisheries policy. Diplomatic sources said the ministers were working on a package which would allow Denmark to catch lion's share of a 15,000-tonnes mackerel entitlement which the Community is seeking in waters controlled jointly with Norway and the Faroe Islands. They said such a deal could compensate Denmark for rejection of its demands to catch 20,000 tonnes of mackerel in waters off West Scotland.

### USSR turns down EEC butter

BRUSSELS (R) — The Soviet Union has turned down the chance to buy up to 25,000 tonnes of cheap butter from the European Community. No offers had been received from Moscow when a subsidised sale by tender for the butter expired Monday night. The Kremlin apparently felt that the level of subsidies expected from the European commission would not be attractive enough, officials said Tuesday. France, likely to be angered, is now expected to step up its pressure for butter to be sold to Moscow under the normal subsidy system available to other countries, the officials said.

## OPEC disagrees on output system

VIENNA (R) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has failed to agree on an oil production system to defend prices in the world glut but ministers who participated in its latest meeting say they believe an oil-price crash remains unlikely.

The OPEC ministers agreed Monday, after two days of bargaining, that the group's output should be restricted to 18.5 million barrels per day (b/d) next year — but they were unable to set individual output quotas.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani said of the outcome of the organisation's year-end meeting: "It is the best I can get."

OPEC has faced a grave crisis since a production sharing agreement reached in March collapsed in July. Ministers were unable to agree on how to share out the shrunken, recession-hit oil market. At this weekend's Vienna meeting, Saudi Arabia was under strong pressure to cut its seven million barrel per day quota to accommodate Iran, an ideological antagonist.

Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said Monday that his country was producing almost three million b/d, compared with what conference sources said was a suggested quota of about 2.5 million b/d.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has complained that it is bearing the burden of defending OPEC's oil price at \$34 a barrel while other exporters have undercut official prices and exceeded OPEC's mandated production quotas.

OPEC ministers said Monday that the chances of Saudi Arabia's cutting its price in the immediate future were small.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Government bonds rallied after a nervous opening but equities were slightly easier in very quiet trading, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 Tuesday was down 2.4 at 588.3.

Firm domestic money market rates caused an initial markdown in bonds but, as on Monday there were few sellers and prices quickly rallied. Longs eventually closed as much as 1/4 point higher, boosted by the Bank of England's action in holding its bill rates unchanged again Tuesday.

In equities, oils were still unsettled by the failure of OPEC to fix individual production quotas. Shell, B.P., Tricentrol and Ultramar fell 4p to 6p and Brioil lost 5p to 65p, part paid.

Anderson Strathclyde was unchanged on balance at 176 on news the trade department had overruled the monopolies commission and was allowing the Charter Consolidated bid to proceed. Charter Cons will decide on its next move in the new year.

Scottish and Newcastle was down 4p at 78 after interim results but other leading breweries were steady. Grand Met rising another 2p to 320 after annual figures Monday.

Banks, weak on the profits outlook Monday, were steadier with Lloyds and Barclays both recouping 2p. Properties were higher but leaders were mostly easier. ICI losing 2p to 344 and Glaxo falling 10p to 1,273.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One sterling	1.6118/28	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2360/64	Canadian dollars
	2.4055/75	West German marks
	2.6580/95	Dutch guilders
	2.0300/30	Swiss francs
	46.9247/02	Belgian francs
	6.8050/8125	French francs
	1388.00/1389.00	Italian lire
	242.65/85	Japanese yen
	7.3465/95	Swedish crowns
	7.0420/40	Norwegian crowns
	8.4700/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	441.25/442.25	U.S. dollars

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1982

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you would be wise to develop your talents in career activities. Make sure you let others know you value the association. Be alert to the deception of outsiders.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Show more affection for the one you loved and express happiness. Study a new plan that could be profitable in the future.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Showing more devotion to family members can bring more harmony in the home. Consult an expert for advice you need.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be sure to handle any communications in a most intelligent way and be alert to any dangers. Make sure your doors are locked.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Keep on the safe side of life by obeying rules that apply to you. Make the evening a happy one.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make long-range plans for the future. Don't let a slip of the tongue upset you at this time. Take a little time for fun in the evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make the plans that will help you become more successful in the future. Take chances with your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You now understand what associates expect of you, so do your best to please. Take health treatment and be more dynamic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Know what your true position is with higher-ups and get more support from them. Show that you have ability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Looking into new outlets is fine now since they could prove profitable for you. Make needed improvements in the home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Contact business expert for advice you need. You can be happy from a romantic standpoint later in the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Know what your true position is with associates who are important in your scheme of life. Express kindness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Much can be accomplished if you get an early start today. Take time to improve your health via the right treatments.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will most understanding of public matters and could be instrumental in bettering them. The romantic side of life is important in this chart and a fine family life is in store. Give good ethical training.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

## THE Daily Crossword

by Evelyn Benson

ACROSS

1 Thai money

5 Byways

10 Content (with)

14 USSR-China river

15 Near

16 Surrounded by

17 Vex

18 Tumultuous

20 Delayed

22 Attractive

23 Explains

24 Idols

25 Under most favorable conditions

27 Stripped

31 Enjoys a novel

32 Interlaced

33 Port abbr. (with)

34 Teletext

35 Farrier

36 GI entertainment

37 From — Z

38 Rotates

39 Napery

40 Store

41 Fixture

43 Hobo's pack

44 Literary drudge

45 "Divine Comedy" author

46 Hindu poet

48 Sustain

52 Tumultuous noise

55 Certain horse surfaces

58 Soviet river

57 Asian palm

58 Lacking sense

59 Scandalous

60 Mature

61 Abstract being

DOWN

1 Fishhook part

2 French friend

3 Clamorous noise

4 Handled

5 Precursor

6 Tolerate

7 Hat or drawer

8 "Ban —"

9 Brief visit

10 Stroke fondly

11 Fail to do

12 Dairy product measure

13 Irritable

19 Eve or Ench

21 Fling

24 Provides

25 Plane surfaces

26 To the (fully)

27 "Loma —"

28 Noisy

29 Air frame

30 Pilotless airplanes

32 Move briskly

35 Typewriter part

36 Alarming

39 Singer

40 Between themselves

42 Altogether

43 East Indian tree

45 Sweet, in Spain

46 Ruffian

47 Subtle air

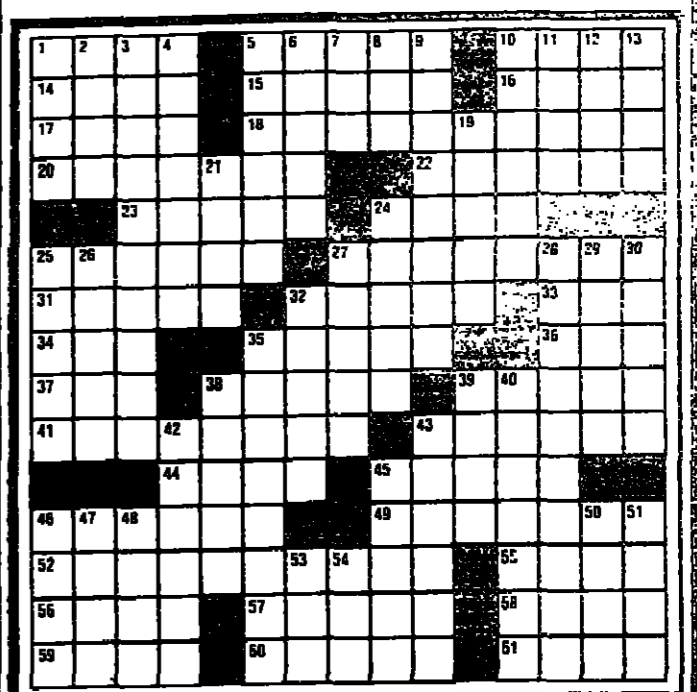
48 Metric unit

50 Long-nosed fish

51 Waver Fr.

53 Swiss canton

54 Congressman, for short



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## THE BETTER HALF

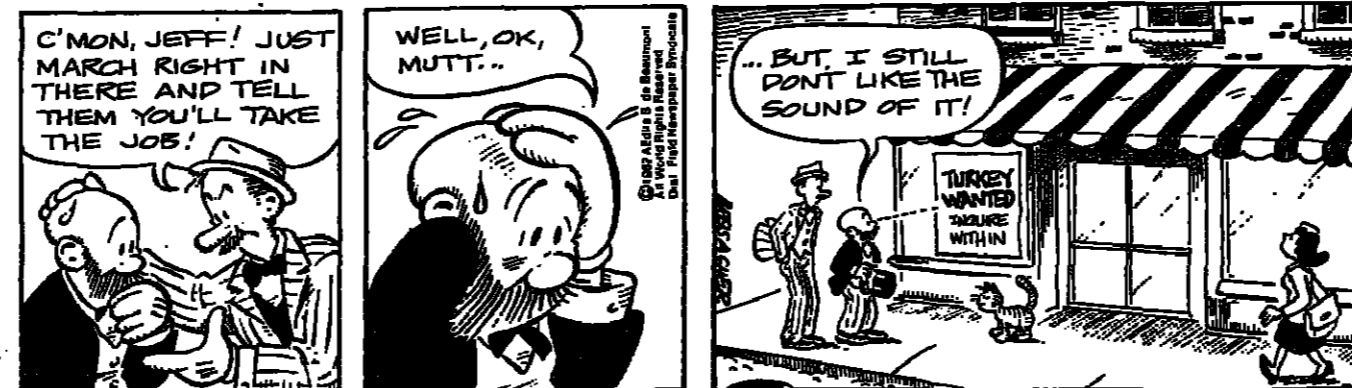
By Harris



## Peanuts



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



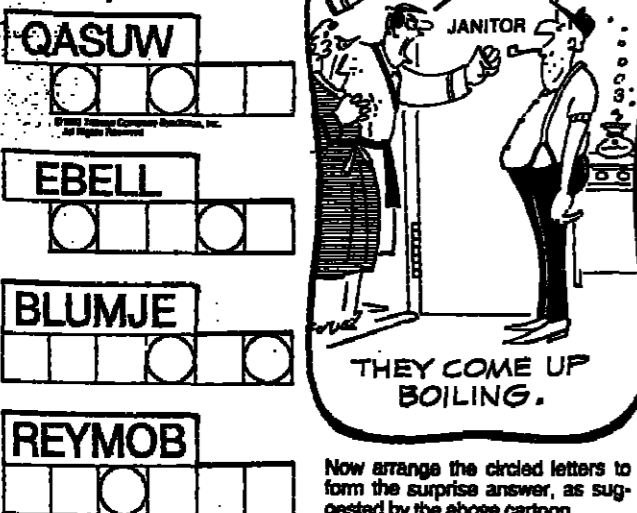
## Andy Capp



## JUMBLE

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers tomorrow)  
Yesterday's Jumble: ALIVE RABBI COUSIN WATERY  
Answer: It turned into a game of this — "BASE BRAWL"

## WORLD

## Andropov admits problems in issue of nationalities in Soviet Union

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet party leader Yuri Andropov said Tuesday that the issue of nationalities in the Soviet Union had been resolved, but also conceded that national feelings still caused problems for Moscow.

In a one-hour Kremlin speech marking the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet Union, Mr. Andropov made an unusual appeal for Russians to be more tactful in dealing with Soviet minorities.

He repeated the official view that the 100 or so different peoples of the Soviet Union enjoyed full and equal rights and he quoted Leninist doctrine that the end goal was not just to bring nations closer together "but to fuse them".

But while he placed the accent on unity of Soviet peoples he obliquely criticised his Russian kinsmen for heavy-handedness which, he suggested, injured ethnic sensibilities among minorities and heightened national tensions.

"It is important... to remember that the natural pride one takes... should not degenerate into national arrogance or conceit, that it should not gravitate towards exclusiveness and disrespect for other nations and nationalities," Mr. Andropov said.

"Yet such negative phenomena still occur," he said.

## Bonn plans to pay foreign unemployed to go home

BONN (R) — The West German government has drawn up a plan under which unemployed foreign workers who voluntarily return home over the next two years would each be paid 9,000 marks (\$3,700), informed government sources said Tuesday.

The scheme would apply to any foreign workers losing a job because of factory closures or bankruptcies, or who had been working short-time for at least six months.

Children legally resident in West Germany since July 1981 would each receive 1,500 marks (\$620) to go home, the sources said.

They said the repatriation scheme, which would run from the beginning of next year to the end of 1984, would cost the government an estimated 1.2 billion marks (\$500 million), assuming that 40,000 foreigners returned home.

The conservative Bonn government has expressed concern that with the number of unemployed over two million, and still rising, the presence of 4.6 million foreigners in the country, including 2.6 million workers, could be socially disruptive.

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## Turks and Portuguese

The sources said that under the plan drawn up by Labour Minister Norbert Blum, Turkish and Portuguese workers who returned home would be repaid their pension contributions in full after six months. This procedure normally takes two years.

The estimated 1.6 million Turks are by far the largest single foreign community in West Germany, followed by the Portuguese.

The Blum plan was to have been taken up by the cabinet at its last 1982 sitting Tuesday.

But because of the absence of Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, who would have to approve the cost, discussion has been postponed until the next cabinet session scheduled for Jan. 12, the sources said.

The total cost of 1.2 billion marks would include about 750 million marks (\$300 million) lost by the government through early repayment of pension contributions, they added.

"They are sometimes fostered by the mistakes we make in our work. Here, comrades, nothing can be dismissed as insignificant."

The 68-year-old Soviet party leader appeared to be directing criticism at official disregard for non-Russian traditions and customs in the 14 Soviet republics outside the Russian federation and suggesting this was injuring ethnic harmony in the country.

Western diplomats see general clumsiness by the Russians as well as historic animosity as a contributing factor to high anti-Russian feeling in, for example, the Soviet Baltic states of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

There have been more clear-cut examples elsewhere. In 1978 there was an official attempt to drop the Georgian language as the national language of Georgia in favour of Russian.

The proposal led to street demonstrations in Georgia and the idea was scrapped.

Mr. Andropov also appeared to question the practice of placing Russians in the upper echelons of leading bodies throughout the country—another factor, which, non-Russian officials privately admit, increases local animosities.

Great tact, he added pointedly, was required in selecting officials for these posts.

## Later explosions kill many more in Caracas

CARACAS (R) — Firemen fought during the night to control a fire which is feared to have killed at least 100 people and injured several hundred after two big explosions on Sunday at a power station northeast of Caracas.

Fire-fighting units were using special chemical foam on the fire, and police and civil defence officials said the death toll so far was 98. Some 50 of these are thought to be firemen who were working to control the blaze at the Tacoa station when the second explosion took place.

Electricity and water supplies in the Venezuelan capital have been rationed and the city was partially blacked out Monday affecting traffic and hundreds of offices.

Caracas residents have been urged to reduce energy consumption to a minimum in order to maintain basic services, although sources in the electricity industry said the shutdown of the plant could seriously affect supplies to the capital for some time.

No official estimate has yet been made on the damage caused by the explosions but the loss of fuel alone from the blast has been put at \$1.5 million.

The loss of power from Tacoa is being partially made up by supplies from the other state power companies Cadafé and Edelca, but Cadafé President Hector Martinez said this is limited by present transmission capacity.

President Luis Herrera Campins declared national mourning for victims of the tragedy, the worst of its kind in Venezuelan history. The 40-year-old Tacoa plant, which is operated by the private La Electricidad de Caracas Company, had just been expanded with the addition of three 400,000 kilowatt units. The majority of the 98 bodies so far recovered were firemen and employees of the plant, though it is feared a number of residents of the area also died. The plant is overlooked by hundreds of flimsily-built slum dwellings on the hillsides above, which were in the path of the flames.

Among the dead were nine Venezuelan journalists and cameramen who were covering the impact of the first explosion when the second blast occurred.

## S. African union leader's death ruled as suicide

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A magistrate ruled Tuesday that trade union leader Neil Aggett, who died earlier this year in detention, had committed suicide and no one could be held criminally responsible for his death.

Magistrate Petrus Kotze was giving judgment in the inquest on Dr. Aggett, the first white man to die in police detention in South Africa. He was found hanged in his cell in Johannesburg's John Vorster Square police headquarters on Feb. 5.

Police said he committed suicide. This was disputed by Dr. Aggett's family.

"His death was not brought about by any act or admission involving or amounting to an offence by any other persons," Mr. Kotze told a packed courtroom.

Food and Canning Workers' Union leader Jan Theron, the head of the mainly black trade union to which Dr. Aggett belonged, commented to reporters immediately afterwards: "It's a disgrace and an outrage as far as the union is concerned."

The inquest, which focused international interest on South African police methods of detention and interrogation, began on March 2.

The court heard 52 witnesses and sat for a total of 43 days, the longest and costliest inquest in South Africa's history.

The central issue was whether or not Dr. Aggett was driven by ill-treatment to take his own life, as alleged by George Bizos, the chief lawyer representing the Aggett family.

Lawyers for the family accused security police Maj. Arthur Cronwright and Lt. Steven Whitehead of having caused Dr. Aggett to hang himself. The lawyers did not contest that Dr. Aggett had committed suicide.

Mr. Kotze exonerated the police from any charges of mistreating the trade union leader as had been alleged by witnesses throughout the inquest.

## Ghana to put 5 on trial

ACCRA (R) — A former member of Ghana's ruling council and four other men are to appear in the high court next month in connection with the murder last July of three judges and a retired army major, the Ghana news agency reported Monday night.

Attorney-General George Aikins said they will face charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder following the interim report of a special investigation board.

The report indicated that Joachim Amartei Kwei, a former member of the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC), had urged two lance-corporal and two former soldiers to kill the judges, Mr. Aikins said. All five are in custody.

High court judges Cecilia Koranteng-Addow, Fred Sarkodie and K. Agyepong, and retired Maj. Sam Acquah were taken from their homes by armed men in uniform on the night of June 30.

The judges had all given verdicts which were attacked as reactionary by some radical groups and Maj. Acquah had been involved in a long-running labour dispute while personnel manager of the Ghana Industrial Holding Corporation (GIHOC).

## Paris refuses to join Citroen dispute

PARIS (R) — The French government has refused to intervene in industrial strife among Communist and Muslim immigrant workers at Citroen car plants and has told company bosses to solve the problem themselves.

Labour Minister Jean Auroux in a weekend statement blamed managerial incompetence for months of disruption at factories including the ultra-modern Aulnay plant in Paris.

Citroen has threatened to close the Aulnay plant, where 4,500 of the 6,000 workers are immigrants and militant members of the Communist-led CGT trade union federation.

The CGT denies that its officials are fomenting trouble in order to force the government to nationalise the firm.

## Guatemala qualifies offer to publish leftist paper

GUATEMALA (R) — The Guatemalan government has qualified its offer to have a leftist manifesto read publicly in order to obtain the release of the kidnapped daughter of Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova.

Last Friday the government gave Dr. Suazo's family a free hand to obtain his daughter's freedom, including publication of the manifesto and a reading of it on Guatemalan television.

But Monday a government spokesman said official authorisation of the reading depended on the content of the manifesto, so far unseen.

Meanwhile, the guerrillas who seized 32-year-old Dr. Xiomara Suazo continued to ignore family appeals for proof that she was still alive.

The kidnap victim's relatives made the appeal last Friday to the abductors to send proof that she was alive and well before they could take steps to meet her captors' demands.

The gunmen who seized Dr. Suazo last Tuesday in the capital demanded the publication of the leftist guerrilla manifesto as the condition for her release.

Juana Rosa Sandoval and Luisa Perez Rivera, Dr. Suazo's aunts, asked the guerrillas to send them the manifesto so they could publish it along with proof she was still alive.

So far there has been no reaction to their appeal and they are very worried, family spokesman said.

But the spokesman reiterated the government's position to "support all the efforts of the family to free the captive."

Publication of leftist guerrilla documents is prohibited in Guatemala under a state of emergency imposed last July by President Efraim Rios Montt to help battle leftist insurgency in the country.

Despite the government's announcement Monday, most observers in Guatemala City feel the government will allow the manifesto's publication so that the Honduran woman, who has lived in Guatemala for most of her life, can be freed.

Earlier this year, the government relaxed the law banning publication of guerrilla documents after the son of Interior Minister Ricardo Mendez Ruiz was kidnapped and his abductors made similar demands.

President Rios Montt, who took power in a bloodless coup in March, refused to negotiate with leftist guerrillas who kidnapped his own nephew in October. The nephew was later freed in a raid on a house in Guatemala City.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## 'N. Korea supplies arms to Tehran'

NEW YORK (R) — North Korea has become the leading supplier of arms to Iran in its protracted Gulf War with Iraq, the New York Times reported. It quoted Francis J. West, assistant secretary of defence for international security affairs, as saying in an interview that Iran had paid North Korea partly in cash and partly in oil. The Times said that military analysts, giving details at Mr. West's request, estimated that North Korea provided about 40 per cent of approximately \$2 billion-worth of weapons, ammunition and equipment which Iran acquired abroad in 1982. The report added that North Korea obtained its arms mainly from the Soviet Union.

## Nude holy woman jailed for life

NEW DELHI (R) — A 24-year-old nude holy woman, jailed for life for murdering her lover, will appeal to India's highest court to prove her innocence, press reports said Tuesday. Mangammava, who claims supernatural powers and refuses to wear clothes, was found guilty by a court in the southern Indian district of Kurnool of murdering her lover after he decided to marry someone else. She was freed on bail by an upper court last week. She insisted on appearing in the nude during her trial. The judge compromised by agreeing to allow her disciples to hold a cloth around her in court. Asked by a reporter why she stayed naked, Mangammava said: "I was born without clothes and I would like to remain that way."

## Marcos' war medals discussed in court

MANILA (R) — A government witness said Tuesday that a newspaper article questioning the war medals of President Ferdinand Marcos was part of a plan to destabilise the government. Col. Balbino Diego, intelligence chief of the presidential security command, told the court that a plan to topple the government was seized in the offices of the tabloid We Forum and in raids of other subversive groups. Col. Diego was the prosecution's first witness at the trial of We Forum publisher-editor Jose Burgos and nine of his staff and columnists on subversion charges.

## Charles, Diana as Romeo and Juliet

LONDON (R) — Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, donned a mask and a gold cloak on Sunday and played Romeo to his wife Princess Diana before an audience at London's Royal Opera House. British newspapers reported Tuesday. The prince, his identity initially concealed, shined up a six-metre ladder to the royal box and kissed his wife in a spoof version of the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet, the mass-circulation newspapers, The Sun and The Star said. The performance had the packed audience of opera and ballet lovers cheering in the aisles, they added. A Royal Opera House spokeswoman said she could give no details as the gala was a private function, but she denied suggestions in The Sun that the prince was wearing tights.

## Sardinian kidnap gang leaders jailed

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (R) — The trial of Sardinia's notorious kidnap gang, the "Anonima Sarda," ended with heavy sentences for the convicted ringleaders. It was the first trial in which informers played a major part on the witness stand, breaking the centuries-old rule of silence and anonymity which gave the gang its name. Agostino Mallocci, Piero Piras and Mario Trudu were three of the leaders who received 30 years imprisonment each for a string of kidnappings that terrorised wealthy residents and visitors to the holiday island. But several men accused of key roles in the gang were acquitted while others received lighter sentences than requested by the public prosecutor.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q93 ♥109 ♦AQ842 ♣KJ3

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner has told you that he does not like no trump particularly, probably because he has 6-4 distribution in hearts and clubs. To persist with no trump on a shaky spade stopper in light of that information would be foolhardy. We suggest that you give partner a little breathing room by simply returning to three hearts. If he has a sound opening bid, he will go on.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠5 ♥AQ1095 ♦KQJ5 ♣AQ7

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ 1 ♣ 2 ♣ 2 ♦

2 ♣ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Since it seems that few, if any, of partner's values are in spades, your hand looks very slamish. However, there is no need yet for drastic action. Be content with a bid of three diamonds to continue the description of your hand. Since partner made a free response at the two-level and you are now introducing a new suit at the three-level, this auction must be forcing. You can show your club support later.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A10985 ♥A7642 ♦7 ♣83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass

3 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

4 ♣ ?

What action do you take?

A.—Don't even think of passing — partner's jump shift was a game force. There is no point in rebidding your hearts — partner surely has suitably eleven, cards in minor suits and cannot

have more than a doubleton in either major. We would opt for a quiet raise to five clubs, and play in what we know to be at least a 5-2 fit.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠KJ7 ♥J872 ♦KJ852 ♣6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

Pass 1 ♣ Dble Pass

2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass

3 ♥ ?

What action do you take?

A.—Since partner has shown a good hand by first doubling and then introducing his own suit at the three-level, you surely want to be in game, despite the fact that you have no fit for clubs. In view of your positional stoppers in spades, the obvious choice is three no trump.

Q.5 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠5 ♥A109752 ♦Q76 ♣954

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♣ Dble Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Despite the fact that you have only six points in high cards, you have a very good hand after partner's takeout double. You have a good six-card suit, a singleton in the opener's suit and a working queen. We suggest that you jump to three hearts. That is not forcing, but it is highly invitational. A bid of two hearts simply doesn't do your hand justice.

Q.6—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AKJ4 ♥AQ1063 ♦8 ♣752

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♦ 2 ♣ 2 ♦ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You want to be in game — it's only a question of which suit. The first thing to do is to make partner aware of your intentions. Do this by cue-bidding three diamonds. That does not guarantee first-round control of the suit you cue-bid. It simply establishes a game-forcing auction and allows the partnership to explore all possibilities.

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